

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION****IN THE SPECIFICATION:****Page 3**

Please amend the Specification beginning on page 3 line 17 as follows:

Consequently, a method of producing ultrafine drug particles as an emulsion by pulverizing a drug in the solid state under a high pressure using a high-pressure homogenizer (high-pressure emulsifier) has been developed and widely used. This method, however, must essentially include a pretreatment step for allowing a solid drug to have particles sizes at a specific level or below (generally 100  $\mu\text{m}$  or less, preferably 25  $\mu\text{m}$  or less) before introducing the solid drug into the homogenizer. This step serves to prevent clogging of the homogenizer, since, when a solid drug is directly introduced into a homogenizer, the homogenizer may often undergo clogging. Consequently, a special device has been developed in the tradename of Damatorikun, YSDE-1/2-3000 of Yoshida Kikai Co., Ltd. In Japan, and ways and means of, for example, gradually increasing the pressure from a low pressure have been carried out. These techniques, however, are still insufficient to completely remove the risk of clogging of channels of homogenizers. In addition, the pulverization using a high-pressure homogenizer is carried out under a very high pressure to yield required energy, but heating may affect the quality. William et al., for example, disclose a method of producing fine drug particles of less than 400 nm by using a Microfluidizer (Microfluidics Inc.) (US Patent No. 5,510,118). This method requires a step comprising about hundred cycles at a pressure of 15000 to 30000 psi and can be applied only to oil-soluble drugs such as cyclosporin.

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Please amend the Specification on page 8 beginning at line 1 as follows:

The “poor solvent or mixture of poor solvents” in the present invention is not specifically limited, as long as it is a solvent or a mixture of ~~good-poor~~ solvents not substantially dissolving the drug and is a solvent miscible with the drug-containing solution of a good solvent or a mixture of good solvents. For examples, water, acidic waters containing a variety of acids, and basic waters containing a variety of bases may be proposed.

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Please amend the Specification on page 9 beginning at line 9 as follows:

The polyethylene glycol fatty acid esters include polyethylene glycol monolaurate. The sucrose fatty acid esters include sucrose palmitates and sucrose ~~stearic acid~~. stearates.